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1 Structure of the qualifications



**Significant changes to the 2023-24 Programme Regulations**

**Regulation 6.1** now states you must have registered for 60 credits and passed 30 credits before you may register for the Project. Previously, it stated you must have passed 60 credits.

**Regulation 4.11** added relating to research ethics and further note added that students should consider taking out insurance if undertaking fieldwork or other activities.

**Advance notice is given for the following changes coming into effect in 2024-25:**

## **1 Structure of the qualifications**

[Appendix A](#) gives the qualification structures and [Appendix B](#) gives the module descriptions.

### **Qualifications**

#### **1.1**

The following named qualifications are awarded under the Global Environment and Sustainability programme:

Master of Science in Global Environment and Sustainability (MSc)

Postgraduate Diploma in Global Environment and Sustainability (PGDip)

Postgraduate Certificate in in Global Environment and Sustainability (PGCert)

### **Qualification structure**

#### **1.2**

The MSc Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

five core modules (30 credits each); and

one Project module (30 credits)

#### **1.3**

The PGDip Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

four modules (30 credits each)

#### **1.4**

The PGCert Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

two modules (30 credits each)

### **Individual modules**

#### **1.5**

All modules from the Global Environment and Sustainability programme, excluding the Project module, are available to study on a stand-alone basis, subject to module availability.

See [course page](#) for information about the modules available for study on a stand-alone basis and when they run.

## **2 Registration**

### **Effective date of registration**

#### **2.1**

Your effective date of registration will be either:

1 October, if you first register before the September registration deadline.

1 April, if you first register before the March registration deadline;



## 2.8

If you start by taking individual modules and then register for the PGCert/PGDip/MSc Global Environment and Sustainability, we will give you a new maximum period of registration for the PGCert/PGDip/MSc.

See [Section 6: Progression within the programme](#) for information on maximum and minimum number of modules you can register for in a study session.

## 3 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

To be read in conjunction with the [General Regulations](#), Section 3.

### Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of prior learning is a generic term for the process by which we recognise and, where appropriate, award credit for learning that has taken place elsewhere, before entry onto a programme of study. Where the prior learning covered a similar syllabus at an appropriate level to a module on the University of London programme, credit will be awarded as if you took the University of London module/course.

#### 3.1

If you are registered for the MSc or PGDip, you may apply for recognition of prior learning mapped against modules to a total of 60 UK credits.

#### 3.2

Applications for recognition of prior learning for the Project module will not be accepted.

#### 3.3

If you are registered for the PGCert, you may not apply for recognition of prior learning.

## 4 Assessment for the programme

See [General Regulations](#) for Rules for taking written assessments.

### Summary table of assessment

4.1

<b>Module</b>	Climate change and environmental hazards		Biodiversity, Biosecurity and Conservation Global Food Systems and Health Waste and Pollution Water and Energy Resources	Project
<b>Element weighting</b>	25%	75%	100%	100%

**Item of Assessment**  
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## **Invalid attempts**

### **4.4**

For a module with two elements of assessment, if you submit the first assessment but do not submit the second assessment, this will not count as an attempt at the module and there will be no academic penalty.

### **4.5**

For a module with two elements of assessment, if you submit neither element of assessment, this will not count as an attempt at the module and there will be no academic penalty.

### **4.6**

For a module with one element of assessment, if you do not submit the final assessment, this will not count as an attempt at the module and there will be no academic penalty.

### **4.7**

If you have not made a valid attempt at the module (see regulations 4.4 to 4.6), you will need to re-register and make a new attempt at the module. You will be required to pay the **full module fee**. If there are two elements of assessment, all assessment elements will need to be attempted.

See [General Regulations](#) for Rules for taking written assessments

## **Mitigating circumstances**

### **4.8**

For modules where there is more than one element of assessment, mitigating circumstances will only be accepted for the second element of assessment.

## **Penalty for exceeding the word count of coursework elements**

### **4.9**

For coursework elements, you should not exceed the word limit by more than 10%. If the word count is between 10% to 20% above the word limit, the coursework will receive a five mark penalty. If the word count exceeds the word limit by more than 20% you will receive a mark of zero for your work.

## **Late submission of coursework elements**

### **4.10**

You must keep to the deadlines given on the VLE. Coursework elements that are submitted after the deadline will not be marked and the attempt will be considered invalid.







## **Mark scheme**

### **7.2**

The following mark scheme is used for the MSc, PGDip and PGCert:

<b>Mark range</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
70% and over	Distinction
60% . 69%	Merit
50% . 59%	Pass
0% . 49%	Fail

### **7.3**

To calculate the final grade for the qualification, the marks for modules are weighted equally.

### **7.4**

To be granted a qualification with Merit, your mean average mark for all modules, excluding the Project module (if applicable), must be between 60% and 69%; your mark for the Project module (if applicable) must be 60% or above.

### **7.5**

To be granted a qualification with Distinction, your mean average mark for all modules must be 70% or above.

## **Date of award**

### **7.6**

## Appendix A Structure of the qualifications

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### MSc Global Environment and Sustainability

For the qualification of MSc Global Environment and Sustainability, you must pass

The following modules (each worth 30 credits):

- Biodiversity, Biosecurity and Conservation (GEM010)
- Climate Change and Environmental Hazards (GEM020)
- Global Food Systems and Health (GEM030)
- Waste and Pollution (GEM040)
- Water and Energy Resources (GEM050)

One Project module (GEM500) (30 credits)

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### PGDip Global Environment and Sustainability

For the qualification of PGDip Global Environment and Sustainability, you must pass

Any **four** of following modules (each worth 30 credits):

- Biodiversity, Biosecurity and Conservation (GEM010)
- Climate Change and Environmental Hazards (GEM020)
- Global Food Systems and Health (GEM030)
- Waste and Pollution (GEM040)
- Water and Energy Resources (GEM050)

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### PGCert Global Environment and Sustainability

For the qualification of PGCert Global Environment and Sustainability, you must pass

Any **two** modules chosen from (each worth 30 credits):

- Biodiversity, Biosecurity and Conservation (GEM010)
- Climate Change and Environmental Hazards (GEM020)
- Global Food Systems and Health (GEM030)
- Waste and Pollution (GEM040)
- Water and Energy Resources (GEM050)

## Appendix B Module descriptions

### Biodiversity, Biosecurity and Conservation (GEM010)

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Evidence for recent human-induced changes and debates about climate skepticism.

The science behind sea level rise . where and how should we live in the future?

Storms, floods, fires and droughts . unequal impacts of environmental hazards

Ocean currents and climate: hurricanes, cyclones, El Niño events and marine ecosystems

Mitigation: setting targets, negative emissions and net zero / planetary boundaries /  
geoengineering

International political climate change institutions and local knowledges, interventions and  
solutions

### **Global Food Systems and Health (GEM030)**



Wellbeing), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), and 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). The module will invite students to consider contested ideas and diverse forms of knowledge about environment and sustainability.

The module aims to: familiarise students with major classes of marine and terrestrial pollutants and their effects on humans, animals and the environment; introduce debates about attitudes towards waste and environmental degradation; explain how different classes of pollutant are currently managed or treated through regulation and treatment at a range of scales; explore waste as a category, and investigate the social and political implications of current and proposed future management of waste and pollution.

Topics covered

What is pollution and why does it matter? The major classes of marine and terrestrial pollution, their sources, effects and changes over time.

Environmental monitoring . how do we know where pollution is and how it moves?

What is waste? Was it the same in the past? Will it be the same in the future?

Waste reduction and management: product lifecycles, recycling, reduction and reuse.

Who lives with waste and pollution?

Who lives with waste and pollution?



## **Appendix C Assessment criteria**

### **Coursework and Project Assessment Criteria**

This is an indicative description of expectations at each grade level. Overall grades will comprise qualitative and quantitative elements. The setting of questions, tasks and requirements and the accompanying marking scheme should take account of the criteria below.

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<b>Mark band</b>	<b>Assessment criteria</b>
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